

ROOSEVELT SAYS HE DIDN'T

DENIES APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT OF CADETS.

Declares He Didn't Indorse Recommendation of Dismissal Either, Though Loeb Announced That He Had—Secretary Wright Explains the Odd Situation.

OSTYER BAY, Aug. 3.—President Roosevelt caused to be given out at the executive office to-day the following statement about his consideration of the recent dismissal of the eight cadets from the Military Academy at West Point on charges of hazing:

"No action whatever has been taken by the President in the cases of the cadets, the statements that they were originally ordered dismissed and that they had been ordered kept being equally erroneous.

"An appeal was originally made to the President to interfere. He declined to take any action or to interfere in any way until the Secretary of War had expressed his opinion, the view of the Department then being, seemingly, that the cadets should be turned out, but the Secretary not having come to any final decision.

"The Secretary notified the President that instead of making any report he would like to discuss the matter with the President in person. He accordingly came on and the discussion was held, but no final decision was reached, the Secretary stating that he was not able to make a final and definite recommendation as to all the cases and preferred to make none as regards any until he could do so as regards all. The President has not yet heard finally from the Secretary and therefore of course has come to no final decision.

"This is the first announcement that the President has made in the matter at all and he has never at any time come to any decision one way or the other excepting to state that he would probably follow the views of the Department."

In view of the foregoing statement it is interesting to note that on July 25 Secretary Loeb announced at the executive office that the President had approved the dismissal of the cadets. This statement was given a prominent place in all of the newspapers the next morning, but Secretary Loeb did not in any way intimate that the report was inaccurate, and a few days later, on July 26, while discussing the approaching visit of Secretary Wright, Mr. Loeb, when asked what bearing the visit might have upon the cases of the cadets, suggested that since the President had approved the dismissals it would be difficult to reopen the matter without a special act of Congress. This statement also received wide publicity and no suggestion of its inaccuracy came from the executive office.

Secretary Wright reached Oyster Bay late in the afternoon of July 31. He intimated at this time that some action in the matter of the dismissed cadets might be expected, but refused to discuss the situation until he had seen the President. The next morning, after having spent the night at Sagamore Hill, Secretary Wright said that the cadets were to be allowed to return to the Military Academy and that the penalty for their offense would be such disciplinary punishment as the officials of the academy thought proper.

While he was being interviewed Secretary Wright was asked explicitly by the reporters if they might announce the reinstatement of the cadets and he replied in the affirmative.

When questioned as to the means that had been found to open the cases after the dismissal had received the President's approval Secretary Wright explained that although the President had approved the order of dismissal (Secretary Wright) had never promulgated the order, thus leaving the matter open for reconsideration at any time. This was done at the President's request, according to Secretary Wright, who said that the President had asked him to come to Oyster Bay to talk the matter over.

Secretary Wright's statements were communicated to the executive office by the reporters, but no statement concerning the matter was given out there to-day.

As Secretary Loeb left Oyster Bay last Friday for a month's vacation he could not be questioned to-day concerning his authority for the statement that President Roosevelt had approved the dismissal of the cadets.

It was learned to-day at the executive office that six of the dismissed cadets had visited Oyster Bay and had been dismissed and had tried to obtain an audience with the President. They were told that the President would not see them and advised to make their representations to the War Department. None of the eight cadets is on the military reservation at West Point at present.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—In the view of Gen. Luke E. Wright, Secretary of War, statements emanating from the President at Oyster Bay and from him about the dismissal or suspension of the West Point cadets do not conflict. When the details are comprehended, the General says, it will be known that the situation is not different now from what it was when the cadets were ordered home by the authorities of the Military Academy. No action had been taken on the case either by himself or by the President, but the papers had been returned to him after the President reviewed them and he would make a decision in a few days. It was his understanding that whatever his conclusion might be it would be subject to the approval of the President as a matter of law.

Secretary Wright was shown a telegram saying that a statement had been given out at Oyster Bay to-day to the effect that no action had been taken in the cadet matter by the President up to this time. That was right, the Secretary said.

Gen. Wright was asked if he recalled that Secretary Loeb had issued a statement at Oyster Bay saying the President had approved the order of dismissal by his signature on the papers that had been forwarded to him from the War Department in the absence of Gen. Wright.

Secretary Wright stated that when he returned to Washington after a brief absence in the South the papers which had been sent to the President for his inspection were soon returned to him. With them came a letter which advised him that the papers had been transmitted for his consideration, and the President added that he would discuss the subject with him when he saw him in Oyster Bay. The Secre-

tary added that he had a previous engagement to visit the President at Oyster Bay.

Referring to an interview at Oyster Bay last Saturday in which the Secretary of War was asked to say what while the President had approved the order dismissing the cadets the matter was open for reconsideration at any time by reason of the fact that an order of dismissal had never been promulgated by the Secretary of War, Mr. Wright laughingly said that he saw a great many newspaper men at Oyster Bay and would not like to be held to an exact account for the form of all the questions and answers that might have been asked. The simple fact was that no action in the case had been taken. The cadets were at home on the order of the superintendent of the Military Academy, who acted within his authority pending action on his recommendations to the War Department.

\$1,500,000 FIRE IN CHICAGO.

Elevators, Freight Houses and Their Contents Destroyed.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Fire which started in the freight house of the Burlington Railroad at Sixteenth street and the river shortly before 1 P. M. to-day destroyed \$1,500,000 worth of property and gave the fire department one of the greatest battles it has had since the great fire of 1871. Two big grain elevators, freight sheds, freight cars and buildings were swept away. Stored in the elevators were hundreds of thousands of bushels of grain.

It was reported at one time that six firemen had been killed, but this proved erroneous. Several, however, were injured and many were overcome by heat.

Burning brands were carried across the river, some going as far as the lake, causing many small fires.

The greater part of the loss was in wheat and corn stored in the elevators. The property destroyed and the estimated loss was as follows: Elevator E, owned by the Burlington Railroad and operated by Armour & Co., \$100,000; Elevator F, owned and operated by the same company, \$80,000; Armour & Co., 500,000 bushels of wheat in one elevator and 200,000 in another, \$675,000; 100,000 bushels of corn, \$75,000; Union elevator, owned and operated by Armour & Co., \$50,000; dock freight house belonging to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, situated at the foot of the river, fifty loaded freight cars, loss, including contents, \$150,000; several other smaller buildings, together with freight cars and railroad equipment brings the total loss close to \$1,500,000.

The fire is believed to have been caused by some employee throwing a lighted cigarette among chemicals stored in the shed.

SON OF C. H. SCHULTZ STABBED.

Became Involved in a Heated Discussion at the Crossman Hotel, Alexandria Bay.

ALEXANDRIA BAY, N. Y., Aug. 3.—After an unsuccessful attempt to hush up the affair a stabbing affray in which some prominent summer residents in this region were involved has just come to light. Last Friday evening, in company with a friend who was a guest at the Crossman Hotel, C. H. Schultz, son of the well-known New York mineral water manufacturer, C. H. Schultz, who has a beautiful summer villa in this vicinity, became involved in a discussion with two other guests of the hotel, J. F. Steyer and Robert B. Swen, both from Hartford, Conn.

The argument, starting over a mere trifle, unexpectedly became very heated, and when Mr. Schultz approached Steyer in a combative manner the latter suddenly drew a sharp pointed instrument resembling a nail file with which he struck Schultz. Before any one recognized the kind of implement used the offender quickly concealed it in his pocket and retired to his room.

Staggered by the blow Schultz swayed and would have fallen, but several onlookers rushed to his assistance and supported him until he was removed from the hotel and taken to a physician. The wounds were dressed and the patient soon revived, and although the act is serious it will not be fatal.

NO HURRAH FOR BERNEL.

Ex-President of Queens Expected to Arrive From Europe To-day.

An uncertain welcome is awaiting Joseph Bernel, ex-President of the Borough of Queens, when he gets back to his old home in Middle Village. With his family he is supposed to be on the steamship Kromprinn, Wilhelm, which is expected to reach this port to-day. His name is on the passenger list.

News of Bernel's return revived speculation throughout Queens yesterday as to the taking up of the unfinished investigation into the Klesner Park scandal, which was brought to an abrupt ending last April when, in the face of removal charges pending before Gov. Hughes' Special Commission, he was removed from the office as Borough President, defied a Queens county Grand Jury and a Grand Jury subpoena and sailed for Italy.

A committee was formed, composed of members of the last and a previous Grand Jury, and a petition was presented by it to Gov. Hughes asking for the appointment of a special Grand Jury and a special deputy Attorney-General to reopen the Klesner Park scandal, and it is understood that this petition is still pending before the Governor.

Lawrence Grosser, President of the Borough of Queens, said that no plans had been made among Bernel's old following to tender a reception to him on his return.

MISS THAR IS A HIGHBORN LADY.

At Least Her Parents Were 'Way Up and She's in a Class by Herself.

Director Hornaday announced the birth at the Bronx Zoo yesterday of a female goat, a goat antelope which inhabits the highest forest regions of the southwestern Himalayas. According to the Zoo authorities this is the first born in captivity. The parents were brought to this country several years ago.

MRS. HENRY PARSONS HURT.

Automobile Hits Her Carriage at Stockbridge, Mass.

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Henry Visson Parsons of New York was thrown from her carriage by an automobile to-night and badly hurt. The motor car came up behind and hit the carriage, throwing Mrs. Parsons out. She was taken to her country home, where friends and physicians attended her. They found that her collarbone was fractured and that she suffered severely from shock.

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TAFT GOING AFTER THE SOUTH

WILL MAKE A SPEECH BIDDING FOR THE VOTES OF DIXIE.

All Reports Agree That This Is the Year for the Republicans to Break Solid South—A Nasty Mess in West Virginia—Taft Talks into the Photograph.

HOT SPRINGS, Aug. 3.—Mr. Taft has fixed on August 27 for Virginia day at Hot Springs. His speech on that occasion will be addressed to the Southern people generally and will mark the beginning of an effort on the part of the Republican national organization to break into the solid South.

Reports from all quarters in the South have encouraged Mr. Taft and the Republican Congress campaign managers in the belief that they have a better chance this year to carry one or two of the Southern States than at any time in the last quarter of a century. Letters have come to Mr. Taft from Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee urging him to impress upon the national committee the exceptional opportunity offered this year.

The letters from Georgia have been particularly encouraging, especially since the nomination of John Temple Graves for Vice-President on the Independence League ticket. The general tone of all of the letters from Democrats in the South is that they can't stand Bryan a third time.

Members of the Virginia Bar Association, whose annual meeting begins here to-morrow, have joined in urging Mr. Taft to look toward the South in this campaign. Members of the association believe that the Republicans may have a chance even of carrying Virginia this year.

President Wyndham R. Meredith of the association said that the conservative business Democrats of Richmond are against Bryan this time in greater numbers than in his previous campaigns. A poll of the Commonwealth Club in Richmond, according to President Meredith, disclosed that practically the entire club is for Taft.

Mr. Taft in his speech on August 21 will urge upon the Southern Republicans the necessity of organizing. The Republican machine in the South is on a higher level and more active than it has been in a good many years. That is the result of Hitchcock's work. When he was in the South on his ante-convention campaign for delegates he tried to bring substantial business men into the organization and to make the machine more representative than it had ever been before.

Congressman Slem, the only Republican member of the House from Virginia, and S. Brown Allen, a United States Marshal at Staunton, made the final arrangements here to-day for the meeting. They said that the railroad had agreed to make special rates and they had been assured by the State leaders that between 8,000 and 10,000 persons would journey to Hot Springs to hear the candidate. Mr. Taft will deliver his address from the veranda of the golf club house.

When Frank H. Hitchcock gets here the latter part of the week he will find that he will probably have to go out into West Virginia personally in an effort to straighten out the Republican row there. In some respects the West Virginia situation is the ugliest that confronts the national chairman, and that's saying a good deal. There are two Republican nominees for Governor over there. Charles W. Swisher is the nominee of the regular Republican convention. Arnold C. Scherer backed the convention because he thought his delegates had been unjustly deprived of their seats by the committee on credentials and held a convention of his own. As a result two State tickets are in the field. Until recently, however, Mr. Taft had assurances that the same set of Presidential electors would be on each ticket and that the national ticket would not be affected by the local fight. Things have got so wild now that the Swisher crowd is threatening to get out an injunction restraining the Scherers from putting the regular Republican electors on their ticket. If that is done the national ticket will be jeopardized. Mr. Taft is considerably concerned over the situation, and it is likely that Hitchcock will be asked to see what he can do to bring about peace between the factions.

Mr. Bryan isn't the only candidate who will talk to the voters by phonograph. The phonograph man was here to-day and persuaded Mr. Taft to talk into the horn. Whether Mr. Taft first heard Bryan's phonograph speech is uncertain, but it's a fact that he was talking away five minutes after the machine had ceased sputtering about a Government guarantee of bank deposits, campaign contributions, publicity before elections and a tariff for revenue only. Mr. Taft made five records of about 300 words each. What he had to say in each instance was from some speech that he has already delivered. The records were made by a private concern, but they will probably be taken up by the national committee and scattered over the country. Mr. Taft has already posed for a moving picture man, so that almost everybody now can see him and hear him.

Misouri jumped to the front to-day in the Taft baby naming contest. It will take triplets to beat that State.

W. F. Heaver of Lebanon is the father of the twins. He has named them after the entire national ticket and has worked the probable head of the State ticket in too. One of the boys he has named Howard Taft Heaver and the other Hadley Sherman Heaver. He won't be disappointed on the Hadley nomination because there is no opposition to his candidacy.

"As an original Taft man," writes Papa Heaver to Mr. Taft, "why shouldn't I name these boy babies for the next President and Vice-President of the United States and the next Governor of Missouri?"

Burglar Steals 5,000 Taft Buttons.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 3.—An Evansville burglar has in his possession 5,000 campaign buttons, each bearing a picture of Judge Taft, and some of the politicians are wondering if they are to be used to decorate the thieving gentry of the country, and if so what will be the effect on Judge Taft's campaign. The buttons were stolen from a store here and a reward has been offered for their return.

NO KEEPER, NO LIGHT.

Samuel Rowlands' Empty Motor Boat Found Near the Cold Spring Lighthouse.

OSTYER BAY, Aug. 3.—Samuel Rowlands, keeper of the Cold Spring lighthouse, is missing and is supposed to have been drowned to-day on his return from the motor boat races at Huntington. Rowlands took a party of friends over to see the races and left them at Lloyds Neck while he started back in his motor skiff to light his light, as his wife is away visiting relatives in Connecticut.

Members of the Seawanhaka Yacht Club here later noticed that the light was not lighted and sent over to the lighthouse to investigate. They failed to find any one around, but on their way back they picked up the motor boat belonging to Rowlands out in the harbor. Rowlands' coat was in the boat and the motor was stopped. The yacht club people called up the executive offices and notified them to communicate with Washington.

HATED TURK GETS AWAY.

Izzet Pasha Escapes His Countrymen Because British Vessel Was His Refuge.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 3.—The British steamer Maria, with the notorious Izzet Pasha on board, which was held in the Dardanelles by the local Governor and the British Consul, has been allowed to proceed and the ex-official, whom the Turkish liberals so generously hate, is now safe in the Mediterranean.

It seems that it was impossible to obtain his surrender from the steamer because there is no extradition treaty between Great Britain and Turkey. Izzet's enemies are trying to achieve their disappointment by gloating over the spectacle of Izzet, who was notoriously the most bitter opponent of Great Britain, being compelled to seek her protection.

VIENNA, Aug. 3.—The Turkish and Slav population of Bosnia and Herzegovina are emulating the Young Turks and are agitating to obtain a constitution from Austria.

A BOTTLED NOTE OF TRAGEDY.

Written by Katie Greesh, It Provides a Puzzle for Her Brother-in-Law.

A bottle was found on the beach yesterday afternoon at Seaside Park, Conk Island, by Policeman John Burns. Inside was a crumpled note written in pencil on paper of rough texture. It read:

"Oh, my, this is terrible that I have to take my life. I am sick and cannot get work. Hope my body will soon be found. Notify my husband, William Greesh of 78 Garden street, Hoboken, N. J. Distracted. KATIE."

Jacob Greesh lives at 78 Garden street, Hoboken, in a furnished room. He said that he had a brother William, a brakeman, who had been out of work and whose wife was named Katie. The wife came to him not long ago looking for her husband. Jacob Greesh had never seen her and said that it was the first time that he knew his brother was married. He said that William Greesh had no children and he didn't know where he lived.

EXIT THROUGH A FIREHOUSE.

Moving Picture Show Got a Permit That Astonishes the Gossips.

Some of the business concerns on the south side of the block on 125th street between Lexington and Park avenues are wondering how the Puritan Amusement Company, which has a moving picture show, got permission to cut an exit into the rear of Hook and Ladder Company 14. The picture show occupies the building between the firehouse and the Harlem Savings Bank. There is a small yard in the rear of the firehouse which is fenced in with pine boards. The moving picture men went to Capt. Lawlor of the truck company one day last week and showed him a permit to cut an entrance through the fence. The permit came from Fire Headquarters, and when the captain saw that it was all right he told them to go ahead.

If there should be a fire or a panic in the moving picture place the people would have to go through the gate and then pass through the firehouse to the street, which would cause a mixup if a fire alarm should come in just at that time. One of the proprietors of the moving picture show said that the exit was only a special emergency one and that in regular emergency exit in the rear of the bank would be ready for use in a few days.

The proprietors of the show said that they supposed the kick came from some of their competitors.

WE LEAD WORLD IN FIRE LOSS.

Reports National Board of Underwriters—Better Protection Needed.

No country in the world loses so much property through fire as does the United States. According to a circular issued yesterday by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, which is working for better fire department equipment, proper building laws and more efficient water supply.

In this country in 1907 the property loss by fire is reported to have been \$1,257,716,000, or an annual average of more than \$251,000,000. There are 4.05 fires to each 1,000 population in American cities, against .36 in Europe. The average fire loss per capita in the United States for the last five years was \$9.92, against \$1.65 in European countries, including France, Germany and Austria.

No country, however rich, says the board, can suffer such enormous losses without seriously impairing its prosperity, and it's up to the insuring public to realize that fact and work for reform.

FOUR DEAD IN AUTO SMASH.

Woman and Three Children Killed When Big Machine Turns Turtle.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—A big motor car was upset in Burlingame to-day near the Crocker country home. Four persons were killed and one was injured. The dead are Mrs. T. A. McCormick and her four-year-old daughter and child. Mrs. McCormick's daughter, Mrs. O'Brien, was so badly injured that she will probably die.

Will Use Troops to Enforce Sunday Saloon Law.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 3.—Following his declaration of yesterday that he would send the National Guard into St. Louis county to enforce the Sunday liquor laws and to preserve order Gov. Folk last night issued orders to Brig.-Gen. H. C. Clark, commander of the National Guard of Missouri, to assemble the First Regiment in St. Louis county next Saturday and Sunday.

DEWEY'S TWELVE YEAR PORT WINE.

The most strengthening wine we make. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 125 Park St., New York.

SOLD GREEN GOODS TO SLEUTH.

WHO HAD GROWN A BEARD AND READ UP ON BELLVILLE, MICH.

Ex-Banker Walker Likely to Be Asked to Look at One of the Prisoners, Who Is Suspected of Being in the Giant That Got the New Britain Savings Bank Lost.

Under the instructions of Chief Insp. Otto Mayor of the New York Post Office, Detective Gegan arrested yesterday afternoon two old time green goods men, one of whom is thought to have been a member of the Gundorf gang, which is supposed to have got most of the money William F. Walker of New Britain, Conn., stole from the Savings Bank of New Britain. Walker will probably be asked to take a look at him.

Louis E. Ruthruff of Belleville, Wayne county, Mich., has been getting green goods circulars from New York and complained to the post office here. After some correspondence with Inspector Mayor he wrote to the green goods men and made a date to come on to New York and buy green goods.

Since that arrangement was made Detective Gegan has been learning where Belleville, Wayne county, Mich., is, growing a beard and breaking in an old cloth travelling bag with which to land in New York. On Sunday night at 125th street Gegan got aboard the train Ruthruff had agreed to arrive by, and when the train got in he went to the Astor House, according to instructions, and registered as Ruthruff. At noon yesterday he was called to the telephone by a man who gave him the name as Lawrence.

"What's the password?" asked Lawrence.

"Hearts and hands," answered the victim.

"What's your order number?" was asked next.

"329," was the answer.

Then Gegan spent about fifteen minutes answering questions—who the Mayor of Belleville is, what its population is, how far from Detroit it is and so on.

Mr. Lawrence apologized for the caution, which was necessary, and then told Gegan to stay in his room until he heard further. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon a messenger boy arrived with a note, which read as follows:

"We want to make absolutely sure, so sign your name, giving passport and order number. ANNE R. LYON, N. W. corner 107th street and Amsterdam av."

This signature on the telegram corresponded with the name used in the Ruthruff correspondence. Gegan answered. Half an hour later Charles T. Forbes of 274 McDougal street, Brooklyn, appeared and said "Follow me." The two men went to a saloon at 1913 Broadway, Williamsburg, and there Gegan was led into a back room, where met James McVicar, alias McDonald, of the Hotel Grenoble.

"Well, Mr. Ruthruff," said McVicar, "we have got our stuff if you are ready."

Gegan signified his readiness and McVicar exhibited about \$1,000 in good one, two, five and ten dollar bills, represented them as counterfeit, wrapped them up and pretended to put the package in Gegan's grip, substituting a dummy according to the rules of the game.

At that Gegan drew a revolver and told the men they were under arrest. He made Forbes handcuffed McVicar, after which Gegan handcuffed Forbes. They were brought to Manhattan Headquarters, where both have their pictures in the gallery. They are charged with using the mails to defraud. McVicar is the one supposed to belong to the Gundorf gang.

EDITOR PLANS A FAIR FIGHT.

Will Give His Opponent for Senatorship a Column a Day to Reply In.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 3.—In announcing his candidacy for the nomination of United States Senator on the Democratic ticket Mel A. Hoyt, editor of the Milwaukee Daily News, to-night offered his opponent, Neal Brown of Wausau, one column of space a night in the News in which Brown could reply to what Hoyt is going to say about him.

In his statement Hoyt tells where he stands on leading questions and says the subjects must accept him as he is or else let him alone. He says he is going to say many things about Brown, but wants a fair fight and therefore opens the columns of his paper to his opponent.

MME. TOSELLI SEEKS DIVORCE.

The Former Crown Princess of Saxony Begins Suit Against Her Husband.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. BERLIN, Aug. 3.—According to the Tagblatt the yearning of Mme. Toselli, formerly Crown Princess Louise of Saxony, for a divorce from her musician husband has materialized. The ex-Princess has entered suit at Heidelberg for the dissolution of her matrimonial bonds on the ground of her unrequitable dislike for Toselli and his inferior education.

NEW ISLAND BEING REMADE.

Only a Year and a Half Old and Yet Its Highest Peak Has Disappeared.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Changes are progressing in the face and form of Bogoslov Island in the North Pacific Ocean. This island is about a year and a half old, having been cast up in the sea by volcanic action.

Capt. F. M. Munger, commanding the Bering Sea fleet, writes the Department from Unalakleet and incloses a number of photographs of the island and the reports of Lieut. D. F. A. De Ott, commanding the Rush, who visited the island.

Perry Peak, which had a height of some thousands of feet above the island, has entirely disappeared. This was shown by photographs made in June of this year and in October, 1907.

When Lieut. De Ott landed the new island had become cold, except at two points on the southeast side, which were still smoking.

Abd Hamet, Parisian First Nighter.

Dr. Philip Matz, the Blackwell Island doctor who treated Abe Hummel in the workhouse, arrived yesterday aboard the Holland-America steamship Rotterdam. He said that Abe had recovered his nerve, was growing a mustache and was a first nighter at every new play in Paris. He was also conspicuous as a boulevard stroller.

MONTANA FIRE UNCHECKED.

Blaze in the Helena Reserve Cannot Be Controlled in High Wind.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 3.—The State officials have as yet not been advised of the destruction of timber tracts in northwestern Montana, where the Commonwealth has about 100,000 acres. A number of rangers are kept employed for their protection and any serious difficulties would be reported by wire.

The forest fire which is raging in the Helena reserve, two miles south of Elliston, is still unchecked despite the force of forty men who have been at work since Friday in an effort to prevent its spread.

Word was received to-day from Supervisor Dwight Bushnell that it will be impossible to control the fire until the wind dies down.

RECORD RUN FOR THE PRINCE.

The Indomitable, Which Carried Him, Makes a New Speed Mark for Warships.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The warship Indomitable, conveying the Prince of Wales from Quebec, where he attended the forty-first anniversary celebration of the founding of that city, arrived off Cowes at 9:40 to-night, several hours later than she was expected. Her average speed was 21½ knots, a record for warships. Wireless despatches from mid ocean stated that she was making 20 knots. Delays on the coast reduced her average.

The officers of the Indomitable say the vessel averaged from Belle Isle to Fastnet 25.15 knots. One day she made 26.4. Her turbines worked splendidly throughout. She has plenty of coal left. All the officers had a turn in the stocks hold. The Prince of Wales threw six ashorefuls for luck.

SEVEN UNDER AUTO IN POND.

Machine Turns Turtle, but All Escape, Though Three Were Nearly Drowned.

JEFFERSON, Ia., Aug. 3.—An auto driven by Dr. C. W. Taylor of this city, accompanied by his sister and five children, turned over this morning while crossing a shallow pond on an embankment road. All of the seven were caught beneath the machine and under the water.

The high back of the tonneau rested on the bottom of the pond and Mrs. Taylor and three children, who had been on the rear seat, had a breathing space between the floor of the automobile and the water. Mrs. Taylor managed to crawl under the side of the machine and took the children with her.

Dr. Taylor and two of the children in front were held under water and were almost suffocated before the machine was overturned by workers in a nearby field. All three were unconscious for more than an hour.

GEN. BATCHELLER'S REQUEST.

He Leaves His Residence in Saratoga to This Village for Library and Museum.

SARATOGA, Aug. 3.—The will of Gen. George S. Batcheller, who was the American representative in the international court at Alexandria, Egypt, and who died at Paris early in July, reveals his intention to transform his costly summer cottage here into a free public library and museum for this village. According to the terms of the will the building, with his books and furniture, will at his daughter's death be held in trust by the Regents of the State of New York, the Supreme Court Justice from this district and the Superintendent of Schools of Saratoga, who are to carry out the purpose of the testator.

The building is one of the most prominent in the village, and was built at a cost of nearly \$100,000. The will provides that the library shall be known as the Batcheller Memorial and must never be combined with any other library or museum. Gen. Batcheller also left bequests to the church and to relatives in Batchellerville, the little Saratoga country hamlet where he was born. No objection was offered to the probate of the will to-day.

DIVORCE FOR MERRY WIDOW.

Ethel Jackson Obtains a Decree Against J. Fred Zimmerman.

An interlocutory decree of divorce was granted to Ethel H. J. Zimmerman, the actress, by Justice Greenbaum in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon. The defendant is J. Fred Zimmerman, the theatrical manager. Mrs. Zimmerman played the title part of "The Merry Widow" at the New Amsterdam Theatre last winter under the name of Ethel Jackson.

JOHNSON URGES A BRYAN MAN.

Wants Thomas D. O'Brien to Run for Governor of Minnesota.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 3.—Thomas D. O'Brien, former Insurance Commissioner of Minnesota, who is regarded as one of William J. Bryan's closest political friends in this State, has been personally requested by Gov. John A. Johnson to make the run for Governor on the Democratic ticket.